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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the above-referenced application:

Japanese Patent Publication 09-233243, which was published on September 5, 1997, along with an English language Abstract thereof; and

Japanese Patent Publication 10-107836, which was published on April 24, 1998, along with an English language Abstract thereof.

A copy of these documents are enclosed herewith for the review of the Examiner, and as provided in M.P.E.P. §609. Further, these documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited documents and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialed form with the next communication.

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Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to:

Commonly assigned co-pending application 09/314,960 to J. IIDA, entitled "Network Facsimile Apparatus", which was filed on May 20, 1999.

In accordance with the 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii) a copy of this application is not enclosed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this application and any documents of record therein.

The undersigned notes that the present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing of the present application. Thus, no fee is required to be paid to ensure consideration of the documents cited therein.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted, Junichi IIDA

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